Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

September 14, 1922.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett
149 Dwight Place
Englewood, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Miss Sheibley has been at home today working (This is only a playhouse!). She just was chucked full of things that had to be attended to and so has stayed home to do it. I know she would want you to have a copy of the minutes of the meeting we had on Tuesday and therefore I am enclosing you a copy.

According to the minutes of that meeting I am instructed to hand you the resignations of all the officers of our Board so that you can turn them over to the proper person when the new Board of National Missions is organized. We all felt this was the thing to do. It may be months before you can hand them to anybody but at least when the personnel problem comes up in the new Board of Missions the officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions do not desire to complicate matter at all. We hope that the Secretaries of all the Boards will do the same thing so as to relieve the personnel problem for the new Nominating Committee.

It was good to hear your voice over the phone just a few minutes ago and I shall be glad to come out on Saturday afternoon to see you.

Lovingly yours,

Lucy H. Dawson

d:mk

, General Secretary.

MRS. JAMES A. WEBB, JR.
WYNDEHURST
MADISON, NEW JERSEY

January 30th 1923

Dear Mrs Bennett;-

Your letter of the 24th to the members of thenWoman's Board of Home Missions has been read with deep interest and profound appreciation. You have expressed for us all the convictions of our minds and the sentiments of our hearts in these somewhat chaotic days of reorganization and reconstruction. We do need to keep ever before us that we are working for the best interests of the Kingdom and to strengthen our faith that in the years to come we shall be grateful for these overwhelming changes. It is not easy but you are putting good heart into us all.

MRS. JAMES A. WEBB, JR.
WYNDEHURST
MADISON, NEW JERSEY

As I have said before, my great disappointment this fall and winter has been my inability to share with you some of the perplexities and problems of our Board. I am sure that I do not need to reassure you of my deep interest and concern in all the new plans and organization. I am following it all, so far as I can, with constant attention and earnest prayer.

I am "as ever of old" grateful beyond words for your leadership, thankful for the privilege of serving even in a limited way, with you and now, more than ever, your devoted and affectionate friend

Nellie S. Webb

January - 1923

1103 Cleary Street

Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Just a few lines — almost write —

Your letter to Board mem-
bers was duly received, and
if any one could write a
better and more satisfying one
in every respect — should
like to know who it might
be.

I know I express my own feel-

and mark your
to Mr. Cain Electric Co
and Fixing experience
amount Refer to Mrs
Yours truly
Elizabeth N.J.

inadagnately, when they say that
the thing which hurts me per-
sonally in the changes before
our Board and Work, is the
fact that the contact with
the fine women on the Board
is to begin up. and your
relationship has still to chang-
es.

You do not begin to know how
much we all love and es-
teem you and how proud
we are of all you do and
say & of the broad, under-

standing way in
our affairs.
Ch, dear Carrie I
am sure there
will have been
Christ Letter is evidence
Personal and Official
for us to use, always
Be sure Glen Ellyn
cause immediately
cause which must be
Be sure to keep

but it has been a great
privilege & each Summer
has only served to increase
my respect & admiration
for you & envy the men
the opportunity they will
have to profit by your
wisdom & tact. While deep
regret that our pleas-
ant meetings will only
be a memory & cause

350 WEST SEVENTY-FIRST STREET

My dear Mrs Bennett,

Your most gracious
letter came to me & fills
me more than ever with
regret that my associa-
tion is so soon to end.
I have only had the
honor & pleasure of
Board for a short time

appreciation of your great kindness
to me & mine

most sincerely
Jessie Barker

Mrs H. D. Barker
Feb. 6th 1923

520 WILLIAM STREET
EAST ORANGE
N. J.

Monday
Feb. 12th 1923

My dear Mrs Bennett

I have hesitated long and prayerfully ere receiving your very kind and interesting letter, for my heart is too full to record its throbbing with pen and ink. Yes, these are anxious days for the Board, and the severing of ties with loved friends and Co-workers. I think all the members of the Board will agree, that we have been like one happy family, and our President — — — — — faultless, — loving and kind. I am glad the re-organization does not take place at once and that we can still mingle our prayers and songs for awhile longer. With best wishes

Yours as ever

(Mrs James) Jessie A. Yeracaris

9 Spring St-
Stamford Conn
February 12

My dear Mrs Bennett.

Your letter of January
twenty-fourth was duly
received - I assure you
most duly appreciated -
For many years the Mem-
bers of the Woman's Board
of Home Missions have

been of such vital
interest to me. Your letter
is full of courage and
certainly must inspire
no to be steadfast in
our devotion to the work-
Trusting whatever comes
to us as God, our
Father strength with
Patience, may be accept-
ed for the best of
how have been showing us
these years as joy to be
under your leadership-

Yours Sincerely
Mrs E. C. Harriet B. Miles

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February 15th, 1923.

Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.
134 South Sixth Street
Indiana, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

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All the salaried officers of the Board are elected at that time for a term of a year and unless reelected, their terms of office will automatically end, which would mean not only that they could draw no salaries but that after April 24th the Woman's Board could carry on no business and pay no mission field expenses, yet it will be necessary that someone be authorized to continue the Board's business until the new Board is prepared to take it all over.

It has seemed to us that we would hardly be in order should we reelect members or officers who had resigned, even though resignations had not yet been accepted.

It was the understanding of our Board, following statements from many sources, that the present Boards would have to be continued for some time parallelling the new Boards as the property could not be trans-

ferred without legal process, and charters could not be given up until such transfers had been consummated. We understood that a group of at least thirty-three, the number enjoined by our charter, would have to be continued for an indefinite period under the title of the Woman's Board of Home Missions,- realizing however, that these need not be the present members. We understood that so soon as the new Board of National Missions had been created and had organized and secured officers, our Board, in common with other Boards, would transfer to it as rapidly as possible the current funds and the administration of the mission field and eventually the permanent funds and properties. I make this statement of our understanding to explain why we now find ourselves confused.

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It is a matter of much regret to me that I cannot ask these questions face to face, as I am sure that there would then not be the slightest question in your mind of any criticism on my part or on the part of the Board; it is simply that we find ourselves unable to decide on the right proceedure and we feel it most important that we should be able to assure ourselves and others in order that we might hold all steadfast and might work cooperatively with you.

It is our desire to guard the responsibilities that are entrusted to us both by action of General Assembly and by our charter that have made us wonder as to the proper proceedure for us as we look toward our Annual Meeting on April 24th, toward the usual meetings at the time of General Assembly, etc.

I wish it might chance that you were to be in New York within a few days and that I might see you, or if you would wish that I do so, I am sure I could meet you in Pittsburgh should you happen to be going there.

With much appreciation of your constant patience with our many questions, I am,

Very cordially yours,

MKB/L

President.

207 Warburton Avenue -
Yonkers -

My dear Mrs Benner,

I was greatly mortified - & glad
on - reaching home - to find Yesterday
was the day of the magazine
Conference -

My only excuse - is the severe -

request of my wife and a summons
to be with her during a Specialists
examination. Above the date.
Entirely from my mind.
I am sorry for I am so much interested in this magazine problem.
I hope you will not overlay your strength in this time of large demand upon you. Faithfully V. L. McMillan

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

February 26th, 1925.

To/The Members of the
Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Friends:-

I am sure that following my letter of January 24th, you were surprised to receive the letter from Dr. Hinitt, asking for your resignation.

The two letters are not as contradictory as it would seem. The Committee feels that in order to appoint the new Boards they should have the resignation of all Board members. It is my understanding that they will then appoint members for the four new Boards and also appoint members to continue the old Boards as long as necessary. It seems to be a matter of formality in procedure.

I am writing you this explanation lest you may find yourself in confusion. We are all resigning as per the request of the Committee.

Very cordially yours,

MKB/L

(Mrs. F. S.) M. Katharine Bennett

Resignations

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REORGANIZATION
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Indiana, Penna.,
February 28,1923

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Pres. Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of recent date reached me on my return home and this will explain the delay in its acknowledgment. I have forwarded your letter to Dr. Stone, believing that it should come to his attention at once.

Allow me to express the personal opinion that I feel sure that all these difficulties will be provided for, that under no ~~circumstances~~ will the Committee do anything to imperil the funds or operations of the Women's work and that the fullest co-operation will be given in the meeting of your particular difficulties. I have the greatest sympathy with your solicitude for the great interests that you have developed and am glad that you have given such prompt and full expression to ~~them~~ them. Doubtless, you will hear from Dr. Stone in a few days.

With all good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

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Very cordially yours,

MKB/L

President.

Dr. K. B.

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Register Times

March 2, 1923.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

It has just been called to my attention that I sent you a written resignation instead of filling in the enclosed blank, which in the midst of many papers escaped my attention and apparently that of my Secretary. Will you be good enough to substitute this for the note and destroy the latter?

I am hoping that it may be possible for me to hear from you relative to my recent letter as according to the By-Laws of the Woman's Board the Nominating Committee should this week send out its first requests, and as we still exist it would seem that all things should be done properly and in order.

Very cordially yours,

Resignations

February 26th, 1923.

Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.,
134 South Sixth Street,
Indiana, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

In accordance with the request of the Committee on the Re-organization of the Boards, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/L

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The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REORGANIZATION
AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE BOARDS
AND AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH

Indiana, Pa..
February 9, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.
My dear Mrs. Bennett:

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Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

Secretary.

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February 26, 1923.

Mr. F. W. Hinitt,
134 S. Sixth Street,
Indiana, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hinitt:

Enclosed please find my resignation.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Superintendent of Field Work.

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Ans. Date FEB 13 1923 Noted By

Indiana, Pa.
February 9, 1923.

Miss Helen M. Dingman,
New York City.
My dear Miss Dingman:

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In view of the action of the General Assembly, taken on May 23, 1922, whereby the Special Committee on the Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies of the Church was continued "for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolutions adopted by the Assembly," and with the following statement, namely, "the said Committee is hereby given the power to perform all of the acts, to make all of the adjustments, and to arrange and put into effect all of the details necessary to the consummation of said resolutions," Minutes, Part 1, P. 181,

Be it Resolved: That for the purpose of enabling said Committee to discharge its duties under these resolutions of the General Assembly, it becomes necessary to call for the resignations of the members and secretaries of the various Boards and Agencies affected by the consolidation and reorganization resolutions of the General Assembly. In pursuance of that necessity, the formal resignation of all such officers is now in order. The action of the General Assembly places this obligation upon the Committee, and the cooperation of all Board members and executives is now sought in carrying out the will of the Church.

These resignations should be in the hands of the Secretary of this Committee, Dr. F. W. Hinitt, Indiana, Pa., not later than March 1, 1923.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT BY DR. JOHN TIMOTHY STONE

The following statement is quoted from a letter by Dr. Stone to the Secretary of the Committee under date of January 30, 1923:

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February 26, 1923

The Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.,
134 South Sixth Street,
Indiana, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Hinitt:-

Enclosed I am sending you, as Secretary of the Special Committee on the Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies, my resignation as Assistant Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

s/k
enc.

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Indiana, Pa..
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Miss Mabel M. Sheibley,
New York City.
My dear Miss Sheibley:

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February 27, 1923.

The Rev. Frederick W. Hinitt, D.D.,
134 South Sixth Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Hinitt:

I am enclosing you my resignation in accordance with your request. I am sure it is unnecessary for me to tell you that the secretaries of the Woman's Board of Home Missions are eager to cooperate with your committee on re-organization in every possible way.

I believe you know that we all handed in our resignations to Mrs. Bennett last September. I regret that the resignations of Miss Edna R. Voss, Superintendent of Field Work and Miss Christine T. Wilson, Secretary for Christian Social Service, will be late in reaching you. Miss Voss is on the Pacific Coast, but you will receive hers in the course of a few days; Miss Wilson is also on the field and you will receive hers shortly.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary.

LHD/D

Enclosure

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Columbus, Ohio.

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The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REORGANIZATION
AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE BOARDS
AND AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH

GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REC'D FEB 18 1923
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BY
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Indiana, Pa..
February 9, 1923.

Miss Lucy H. Dawson,
New York City.
My dear Miss Dawson:

In accordance with instructions given by the Reorganization Committee, I am enclosing a copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting of the Committee held in Chicago, Jan. 16-17, 1923, with supplementary statement from the Chairman, Dr. John Timothy Stone, and the form to be used in complying with the action of the Committee. Allow me to emphasize the request that your reply be sent to me by March 1, 1923.

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

Secretary.

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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVES

Adopted at the meeting of the Committee held in Chicago, Ill., January 16-17, 1923

In view of the action of the General Assembly, taken on May 23, 1922, whereby the Special Committee on the Reorganization and Consolidation of the Boards and Agencies of the Church was continued "for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolutions adopted by the Assembly," and with the following statement, namely, "the said Committee is hereby given the power to perform all of the acts, to make all of the adjustments, and to arrange and put into effect all of the details necessary to the consummation of said resolutions," Minutes, Part 1, P. 181,

Be it Resolved: That for the purpose of enabling said Committee to discharge its duties under these resolutions of the General Assembly, it becomes necessary to call for the resignations of the members and secretaries of the various Boards and Agencies affected by the consolidation and reorganization resolutions of the General Assembly. In pursuance of that necessity, the formal resignation of all such officers is now in order. The action of the General Assembly places this obligation upon the Committee, and the cooperation of all Board members and executives is now sought in carrying out the will of the Church.

These resignations should be in the hands of the Secretary of this Committee, Dr. F. W. Hinitt, Indiana, Pa., not later than March 1, 1923.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT BY DR. JOHN TIMOTHY STONE

The following statement is quoted from a letter by Dr. Stone to the Secretary of the Committee under date of January 30, 1923:

"I feel that the resolution of our Committee on the matter of resignations does not state sufficiently all the facts that have led to this action. The opinion of eminent counsel whom we have consulted is unanimous that the mandate of the Assembly under which we act requires us to do the following things:

1. To select the members of the four Boards.
2. To obtain new Charters or amend Charters where required.
3. To put into actual operation the four consolidated Boards.

In order to follow these instructions we must have the formal resignations of all Board and Committee members involved in the consolidation.

In setting up the new Boards, our Committee has taken the position that it is not concerned with the selection of the executive secretaries of these four Boards, but we must make the way clear for these Boards to proceed to select such executives, and therefore the necessity of calling for the resignations of all the secretaries of the Boards and Agencies at this time."

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By
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Indiana, Penna.,
February 28,1923

Miss Lucy H. Dawson, Gen. Sec.,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dawson:

Your letter of February 27th, with enclosure, was received.

I thank you for the information concerning some of your Secretaries and am sure that their responses to the requests of the Committee will arrive in due time. The present is, of necessity, rather an anxious period, and I think that we all need, more or less, to practice President Elliot's maxim, for long life, "Keep calm and be expectant of good."

With thanks for your kind co-operation and with cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. W. Hinitt,

FWH/G

Secretary.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

March 1, 1923.

My dear Mrs. Gildersleeve:

The Nominating Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions finds itself very much embarrassed as the end of the fiscal year draws near, by the fact that the Board has no definite knowledge of how long a period of time its organization will be kept intact.

Under the circumstances the Committee can only ask if you will be willing to continue in your present position, at the same salary and the same arrangement for vacation as during the past year, until such time as definite word comes to us of the organization and functioning of a new Board which shall take the place of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

The Board, and particularly the Nominating Committee, realizes that it is asking a sacrifice of you, in requesting that you commit yourself to an uncertain future, but ours is not a common task, nor is it a common responsibility; and the love which we all have for the work committed to our care makes us bold to feel that you will, with us, rise to the fullest measure of effort and service so long as we shall be needed.

Faithfully yours,

Ellen S. Vanderbeeg
(Mrs. W. C.)
Chairman Nominating Com.

Mrs. M. J. Gildersleeve
Secretary for Missionary Education
Woman's Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Copy for Mrs Bennett's file

March 5, 1923

To the Members of the
Woman's Board of Home Missions

Dear Friends:

I am sure you feel that I have been most negligent in not announcing to you the names of the fifteen women who have been asked by the Committee on Re-organization to become members of the new Board of National Missions, and who have, I believe, accepted. I make the statement with above reservation because there are four on the list from whom I have had no word, either directly or indirectly, but as the Committee has not indicated further vacancies I feel that I may send you this list:

COLONIAL	Mrs. F. S. Bennett Mrs. D. E. Waid Miss Emma Jessie Ogg Mrs. H. C. Louderbough Miss Annie Hyatt
MIDDLE WEST	Mrs. John F. Dodge, Detroit, Michigan Mrs. Robert T. Bates, Chicago, Illinois Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio
NORTH CENTRAL	Mrs. Henry C. Swearingen, St. Paul, Minn.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Mrs. Ferris, Dallas, Texas Mrs. Seldon Spencer, St. Louis, Mo.
SOUTH	Miss Mary Ashby Cheek, Dean Kentucky College for Women, Danville, Ky
SOUTHWEST	Mrs. Lynn White, San Anselmo, Cal.
NORTHWEST	Mrs. Harold F. Bowman, Portland, Oregon
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Mrs. H. H. Seldomridge, Colorado Springs, Colo.

As I explained at a recent Board meeting I wrote to the Committee on

Reorganization asking as to the procedure to be followed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions at its Annual Meeting in view of the fact that all resignations had been requested. A note was received from the secretary of the committee saying that my letter had been referred to the Chairman, but no other reply has yet come. As we understand that the time when resignations will take effect is most uncertain, I have asked our Nominating Committee to proceed as though there were no reorganization lest on April 24th, after the Annual Meeting, we be left without officers or the fifteen Board members whose terms expire on that date. The work being done by the Nominating Committee may later prove to have been unnecessary, but pending definite instructions I believe that it is our part to proceed as we should under our Charter and By-Laws and protect the work that has been entrusted to us. I, therefore, urge your prompt cooperation with the Nominating Committee.

Let us remember that until we are notified to the contrary we continue to be members of the Woman's Board and it is thus our responsibility.

I wish I could tell you the exact plans for the immediate future but I do not know them. I hear rumors and conjectures but of actual facts I know little beyond that a Charter for the new Board of National Missions is being sought and that it is <u>hoped</u> to call the new Board together before General Assembly. The work is still with us and the day by day task must be done and I urge your attendance at all the meetings of the Board. We have failed to secure a quorum for the last two meetings.

May I again assure you that in the cause of Home Missions there will be a place for all of us though our joyous service together may be changed. For that I grieve sorely.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/D

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

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Memorandum for Miss Dawson
Mrs. Mrs. Bennett

March 7, 1923.

Will you please see that Mrs. Corning's resignation goes on to Dr. Hinitt?

San Diego, California

Feb 17,

Dear Mrs Brand

I have just had forwarded
from a circular letter from the Chairman
asking me as a member of one of the
Committees to fill out & send in my suggestions
for the Woman's Board of Missions
I have done this & then
realized & realize it is from no fault
of yours & the Board
Should go through just the
same returning this to the
Chairman, as I suppose it would
be if I had not done so
but I am

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The CONDADO-VANDERBILT Hotel

THE VANDERBILT HOTEL
NEW YORK

San Juan, Porto Rico

HILL-TOP-INN
NEWPORT

Feb. 24. 1923

Dear Mrs Bennett

I have just had forwarded
me a circular letter from Mr Hiett
asking me as a member of one of the
Boards of the Church to fill out & send my designation
to the Women's Board of Home
Missions - This I have done, but
instead of sending it direct to him
I am sending it to you so it
seems to me that as President of
the Women's Board these designations
should go through your hands -
I am returning this by the first
steamer, and hope it will not
get to Mrs Hiett too much, as
We have had a wonderful trip so far

Thursday 2nd Sept to Ypsilanti & stay all day
will get to Ann Arbor 12:02 P.M.
Miss Andrews takes dinner with us
to night then in the hospital
take next train back & have more
time & will go through it thoroughly
Hoping for an early, with love
Sarah M. Canning —

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Resignations

March 10, 1923.

My dear Mrs. Heylman:-

Your resignation has come to hand but frankly, in the present complicated situation I am at a loss just what to do with it! The Committee on reorganization asked that a certain blank be used and that it be returned to the Secretary of the Committee, but I fancy that you have acted " On advice of counsel" and have taken the position that you should resign to the Board which elected you. Others took that position while two at least of the Board have refused to resign to any one. So far as I can learn it is a form and does not mean that the Board is to be given up- only that the members will resign and I suppose be reappointed. I confess I cannot get the matter clearly explained. I wonder if you will be good enough to speak with me about your resignation next Tuesday.

Miss Voss will be back in a few days and then I hope we may know definitely the situation in San Francisco and perhaps be able to get to work. Never hav I put in such a year as this past one; it has been a time of confusion and uncertainty. Only by keeping my thought on the work to be done could I keep myself steady.

Most cordially yours,

525 MONTEREY AVENUE
PELHAM MANOR
NEW YORK

Ask Mr. Hewitt to send blank.

Women's Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

I herewith tender my resig-
=nation to the Board of Home Missions.
It has been a privilege to have been
a member - and to have come into
such close relations with the members
of the Board during the past year.

Cordially -

Mary Locker Hyleman

March. 4. 1923.

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March 24, 1923.

The Rev. Frederick A. Hinitt
Indiana, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Hinitt:

I am writing to inform you that Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Arthur L. Marvin, the attorney for the Board, and I, will attend the conference on legal matters which you are calling for April the 3rd, at 10:30 A.M.

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary

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March 28, 1923.

Mrs. H. C. Louderbough,
135 Jewett Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Louderbough:

My long delay in replying to your letter of March 1st has been due to the fact that it never occurred to me that there would be any question about my staying with the Board as long as there was any place for me. I feel that there are tremendous opportunities in the work and shall be glad to be a part of it as long as possible.

Loyally yours,

Assistant Secretary for Young People's Work.

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